

The Herald

A monthly newsletter from Christ
Lutheran Church

February, 2015



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** on **February 18th**. We will celebrate a service of the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7pm in the sanctuary beginning with Ash Wednesday..

Because some of you are uncomfortable driving in the dark, there will be midweek Lenten services at 1pm each Wednesday afternoon during Lent.

Beginning with Wednesday, February 25th, we will continue the long-time tradition of soup suppers at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship in the sanctuary at 6:45. The church council members will provide the soups for the first midweek service on February 25th

I love the contemplative rhythm of Lent; a time to strip away the superfluous and stressful and simplify our lives so that (Continued on page 3)



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A Word From Your President

I would like to thank all the members of the church council for all the time and effort they put into keeping our church running. A special thank you to the outgoing members of the council; Lela Folkers, Bonny Hertzog, Virgil Miller and Adrienne Chakerian. Thanks for your hard work.

I would also like to thank the property team. You have provided the oversight for the maintenance of the grounds and buildings, taking some pressure off the council.

The Lenten season begins this month with Ash Wednesday ser-



vice on Feb. 18th at 7:00. Soup suppers and lent services will start on Feb. 25th. The church council will furnish the soups of this service. We will have a sign-up sheet for the remaining services. I hope we have

good participation for the Lenten services.

We begin a new year with new council members and new ideas to keep things happening here at Christ Lutheran Church. We ask for your prayers that God may guide us in doing His will.

Blessings



Sundays in February

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| February 1 | 4 th Sunday after Epiphany | Service of Holy Communion |
| February 8 | 5 th Sunday after Epiphany | Service of Healing |
| February 15 | Transfiguration of Our Lord | Service of Holy Communion |
| February 22 | First Sunday in Lent | Service of Holy Communion |

Rebecca Circle by Mary Riffel

Women! Save the Date -- March 21!

On Saturday, March 21, all of the women at Christ Lutheran, our daughters, sisters and girlfriends are invited to attend the WELCA Spring Event at Visalia's Christ Lutheran Church. The Spring Event is an annual celebration when Women of the Evangelical Lutheran churches (WELCA) in our area come together to sing, listen to words of joy, and share lunch.

This year's keynote speaker and worship leader is Pastor Laura Ziehl. Pastor Laura grew up in Visalia's Christ Lutheran Church. She has served in campus ministry, parish ministry, and as a missionary. She is now the lead pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Encinitas, CA.

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we can reflect on those areas of our lives that are in need of repentance.

An intrinsic element of repentance is change. As much as we resist

change in our lives, and especially in the church, change is a necessary part of life. Change is also an essential and inescapable part of our Christian journey and our ability to cope with change is necessary for a peaceful, faith empowered life.

Change is the theme of our **mid-week Lenten services** this year.

Here is an overview of the types of change that we will consider each week:

* February 25, Lent 1: Change of Season

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CLC Intentional Year of Prayer

| Date | Scripture |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday, February 1 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 |
| Monday, February 2 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 |
| Tuesday, February 3 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 |
| Wednesday, February 4 | 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 |
| Thursday, February 5 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 |
| Friday, February 6 | 1 Corinthians 2:6-11 |
| Saturday, February 7 | 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 |
| Sunday, February 8 | 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 |
| Monday, February 9 | 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 |
| Tuesday, February 10 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 |
| Wednesday, February 11 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 |
| Thursday, February 12 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 |
| Friday, February 13 | 1 Corinthians 12:14-17 |
| Saturday, February 14 | 1 Corinthians 12:18-26 |
| Sunday, February 15 | 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 |
| Monday, February 16 | 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 |
| Tuesday, February 17 | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 |
| Wednesday, February 18 | 1 Corinthians 10:13 |
| Thursday, February 19 | 1 Corinthians 13:8-10 |
| Friday, February 20 | 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 |
| Saturday, February 21 | 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 |
| Sunday, February 22 | 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 |
| Monday, February 23 | 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 |
| Tuesday, February 24 | 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 |
| Wednesday, February 25 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 |
| Thursday, February 26 | 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 |
| Friday, February 27 | 2 Corinthians 6:1-41 |
| Saturday, February 28 | 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 |

February, 2015

| Prayer Petition | Date |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Kevin Thiesen | Sunday, February 1 |
| Church Council: Martina Johnson | Monday, February 2 |
| Amy Thiesen | Tuesday, February 3 |
| Church Council: Tom Riffel | Wednesday, February 4 |
| Elise Thiesen | Thursday, February 5 |
| Church Council: Mary Riffel | Friday, February 6 |
| Aidan Thiesen | Saturday, February 7 |
| Church Council: Janet Adams | Sunday, February 8 |
| Terry Anderson | Monday, February 9 |
| Church Council: Shannon Parkinson | Tuesday, February 10 |
| Lorraine Anderson | Wednesday, February 11 |
| Church Council: Jean Clemons | Thursday, February 12 |
| Jack Taggart | Friday, February 13 |
| Church Council: Ron Adolph | Saturday, February 14 |
| Karin Taggart | Sunday, February 15 |
| Altar Guild | Monday, February 16 |
| Albert Boos | Tuesday, February 17 |
| CLC Musicians | Wednesday, February 18 |
| Charles Taff | Thursday, February 19 |
| CLC Ushers | Friday, February 20 |
| Joan Taff | Saturday, February 21 |
| CLC Property Team | Sunday, February 22 |
| Kaitlin Taff | Monday, February 23 |
| CLC Fellowship Team | Tuesday, February 24 |
| Cara Taff | Wednesday, February 25 |
| CLC Stewardship Team | Thursday, February 26 |
| Jared Taff | Friday, February 27 |
| CLC Worship & Music Team | Saturday, February 28 |

Sample Prayers: (provided as an illustration; it is always wonderful to pray in your own words)

Prayer for CLC Ministries:

Gracious heavenly Father, I praise and thank you for our congregation and for the members who serve this church so faithfully, giving of their time and talent. I pray especially today for (ministry or council member); bless [his/her/their] efforts and guide [her/him/them] in your service. In areas of struggle, provide strength and peace; in broken places, bring healing and restoration. May all that is attempted and all that is accomplished, be for your glory. We humbly pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer for Individuals:

Gracious heavenly Father, we pray for (name) and ask that you bless and protect him/her from all harm. Increase his/her faith and draw him/her into the circle of your love and grace. May (name) see all the beauty that the world offers and may his/her relationship with you be strengthened each day. You know the desires of her/his heart and we pray that you will grant her/him what she/he needs to experience peace and joy in the midst of the challenges of daily living. We humbly pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Women of Faith

The Women of Faith Bible Study Group will continue their study of Acts using Augsburg's Book of Faith Series—Acts.

On February 5, They will meet at Kay Boyajian's (638-4931) and Pastor Doris' on the 12th (717

903-7070). As is their custom, on the 19th they will meet at 9:00 for prayer requests, followed at 10:00 for a short devotion at the Terraces. The last Thursday, the 26th, will be at Grace Hill's (305-8466).

Men's Bible Study by Ron Hanson

When we originally set Wednesday evening as our meeting night we failed to realize there were Advent and Lenten services scheduled for Wednesday evening. Therefore (there is that word again) starting February we will switch to Thursday evening at 7 p.m., still at Ron Hanson's house.

For the next couple of meetings or so we will be looking at the Book of Hebrews. With Paul and Barnabas, along with some others, going from Antioch to Jerusalem for what is probably the first church council meeting, (can you imagine going to a council meeting 100 miles away)

to discuss some of the Jewish laws concerning those required of the Jews and being relaxed by Paul for the Gentiles. Hebrews addresses these issues so that Paul can take the findings of the Church with him on the 2nd and 3rd journey.

If you have been unable to join us before, I hope you would consider joining us now.



Our Finances by Bonnie Hertzog

Treasurers Report for November, 2014

| | December | Year-to-Date |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Income | \$15,769.17 | \$ 174,620.18 |
| Expenses | <u>-17,780.24</u> | <u>-149,243.51</u> |
| Net income | \$- 2,424.16 | \$ 25,376.67 |







February

| SUN | MON | TUE | WE |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1 10am-Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship After Church</p> | <p>2 1pm Stitch in Time Craft Group Groundhog Day</p>  | <p>3 1-4 Pr. Doris' office hours</p> | <p>4 12-4 Secret 1pm Spoken Service 2-5 Pr. Doris' office hours 6 pm Women's Study</p> |
| <p>8 10am-Worship—Service of Healing Fellowship After Church & Altar Guild Meeting</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 1-4 Pr. Doris' office hours</p> | <p>11 12-4 Secret 1pm-Spoken Service 2-5 Pr. Doris' office hours 6pm Women's Study</p> |
| <p>15 10am-Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship After Church</p> | <p>16 1pm Stitch in Time Craft Group</p>  | <p>17 1-4 Pr. Doris' office hours 6pm Church Council Meeting</p> | <p>18 12-4 Secret 1pm Mid-Day Wednesday Service 2-5 Pr. Doris' office hours 7pm Ash Wednesday Service Herald D</p> |
| <p>22 10am-Worship with Holy Communion –First Sunday in Lent Fellowship After Church</p> | <p>23 Herald Printed</p> | <p>24 1-4 Pr. Doris' office hours Herald Mailed</p> | <p>25 12-4 Secret 1pm Mid-Day Service 2-5 Pr. Doris' office hours 6pm Soup Supper Served and furnished by Church 6:45 Lenten Service</p> |

February 2015



| | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|-----------|---|
| Secretary's hrs Prayer Office hours Men's Bible | 5 9am Women of Faith at Kay's 11-4 Secretary's hours 7pm Men's Bible Study at Ron Hanson's | 6 | 7 |
| Secretary's hrs Prayer Office hours Men's Bible | 12 9:00 Women of Faith at Pr. Doris' 11-4 Secretary's hours 12:30pm Rebecca Circle in Fireside Room Lincoln's B-day  | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day  |
| Secretary's hrs Ash Service Office hours Tuesday Deadline | 19 9am Women of Faith prayer requests 10am Devotions at The Terraces 11-4 Secretary's hours 7pm Men's Bible Study at Ron Hanson's | 20 | 21 |
| Secretary's hrs Lenten Office hours Supper for- Church Council Service | 26 9am Women of Faith at Grace's 11-4 am Secretary's hours | 27 | 28 |

A Stitch in Time by Bonny Hertzog

A Stitch in Time craft group initially met at the church on January 5th. It felt so chilly in the Fireside Room that Adrienne Chakerian graciously opened her home to us. A caravan of vehicles drove to her house which, not only saved the church the cost of heating, but gave all the crafters a sunny and warm place to spin, knit and sew. Thank you Adrienne!

A (good) correction to last month's craft report: Bethel Lutheran Home received two lap blankets for Christmas from A

Stitch in Time, not just one. In addition, several others have since been completed by Adrienne.

The group welcomes any and all who would like to join us the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00pm. You don't have to work on anything....sometimes it's just nice to enjoy each other's company.



Quarterly Worship Team meeting: Sunday, March 1 in the Pastor's office after Fellowship



Midweek Lenten Services

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| February 18 | Ash Wednesday Service | 1pm & 7pm |
| February 25 | Lenten Service | 1pm & 6:45 |

The 6:45 service follows the CLC tradition of soup suppers in the Fellowship Hall. Soup on February 25th is provided by the church council members. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for others to bring soup in March.

New Church Council

The following were elected at our Annual Meeting on January 25:

- President (1 year) Martina Johnson
 - Vice President (1 year) Tom Riffel
 - Recording Secretary (1 year) Mary Riffel
 - Treasurer (1 year) Janet Adams
 - Deacon (3 years)
 - (1 year) Jean Clemons
 - (2 years) Nilene Lee
 - (3 years) Lottie Mariscal
 - Christian Education (1 Year) Shannon Parkinson
 - Member-at-Large (1 year) Ron Adolph
- Please make the necessary corrections to your church directory.



Stewardship Corner by Tom Riffel

Budget time at CLC is probably like the budgeting process one does for your household. What did we spend last year? What do we need to spend this year? What money will there be available to satisfy the budget?

All these questions need to be answered. However, the church budget needs to reflect new ideas, new programs, new ways to view old ideas, etc. Often these inspire us to look at "faith budgeting". Great concept.

Here at CLC for 2015, we budgeted only a tad outside our anticipated income. Still, we expanded

some of our mission spending and look forward to developing some new program arenas,

Exciting? Can be. Risky? Enough to keep us looking forward. Sound? Always with God's assistance.

Keep CLC in our prayers and we can't miss.



Saints in Service

| | February 1 | February 8 |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Altar Care | Jennifer Lewis | Jennifer Lewis |
| Communion Care | Jennifer Lewis | |
| Deacon | Jean Clemons | Nilene Lee |
| Greeters | Lela Folkers | The Hansons |
| Lock up | Adrienne Chakerian | Adrienne Chakerian |
| Readers | Janet Adams | Adrienne Chakerian |
| Refreshments | Helen Boos & Bonny Hertzog | Women of Faith |



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- * March 4th, Week of Lent 2: Change of Habit
 - * March 11th, Week of Lent 3: Change of Circumstances
 - * March 18th, Week of Lent 4: Change of Heart
 - * March 25th, Week of Lent 5: Change of Plans
- And, of course, during Lent we continue with the CLC Intention-
- al Year of Prayer. Please see the daily Scripture and Prayer focus on page 4 & 5.
- Keep praying!
- Abundant blessings,
- Pastor Doris Nolan
- (The sign-up sheet to bring soup in March is in the narthex.)



A special thank you to all you out there who bring your fruits and vegetables to share with us. Some have no other outlet for the fresh fruits and vegetables (except the store—and those are not nearly as good) so it makes it extremely nice for them. Thank you very much

February 15

Jennifer Lewis

Jennifer Lewis

Lottie Mariscal

The Boyajians

Adrienne Chakerian

Adrienne Chakerian

February 22

Jennifer Lewis

Jennifer Lewis

Nilene Lee

The Sorensens

Adrienne Chakerian

Linda Sorensen

Need Volunteer

Rebecca Circle

In addition to the office hours listed on the calendar for Pastor Doris, she is available at other times by appointment. Please call her at 717-903-7070 or email her at pastordoris@gmail.com.



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The Rebecca Circle will meet on Thursday, February 12 starting at 12:30 in the fireside room. Veldonna Wyatt and Lottie Mariscal are the hostesses and Margaret Johnson will lead the Bible study, "Making Conversion Last", found in the *Gather* magazine. This month we will explore some conversion stories that can illustrate what helps transformation succeed or fail. Have you heard about Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch or Simon the magician from Samaria (Acts 8 1-13, 26-40)? Study material will be provided. Come also to hear Veldonna's herstory. All are welcome.

Birthdays



- 3 Betty Pedersen
- 8 Mary Thonesen
- 12 Evelyn Brunswick
Stephanie Murphy
- 14 Daniel Huerta
- 16 Joan Taff
- 20 Geoffrey Ishida
- 21 Cara Taff
- 22 Janalee Borton
- 24 Randy Smith
- 29 Bob Melgard



You are invited to join us at the Lutheran Campus Ministry Chapel for unique worship experience on Saturday, April 4th at 5:00 PM. We will journey through God's story of promise, love and salvation by experiencing scripture brought to life through a variety of medians, via the gifts of people like you! If you possess passion for writing, singing, dancing, speaking, crafting, sculpting, painting, drawing, sewing, inventing, etc., please consider being one of the evening's scripture responders. Contact Pastor Paul (559 224-9051) for more information.

Prayer Requests

Helen Panttaja

Laverne & Ellard Youngberg

Betty Llewellyn

Fred & Kathy Loeffler

Sue Sorensen

Chuck Mariscal

Colleen Johnson

Randy & Janet Flowers

Ernest Hansen

Virginia & Diane Crisp

The family of Jim Lynn



Baptismal Birthdays

- 3 Tyler Murphy
- 11 Adrienne Chakerian
- 13 Teri Brosseau
- 15 Morgan Thonesen
- 16 Joan Taff
- 21 Kim Lehner
- 26 Jim Borton



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